

# Joint Legislative Task Force on Improving State Funding for School Construction

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## Task Force Members

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Senator Jim Honeyford

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Representative Marcus Ricelli

Representative Mike Steele

Representative Monica Stonier, Chair

Senator Hans Zeiger

Superintendent Paul Turner (Grand Coulee)

Associate Superintendent Flip Herndon (Seattle)

# 2017-19 Capital Budget Created the Task Force

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4 meetings – 3 in Olympia and one in Pasco

Tours of School Districts

- Pasco
- Richland
- Rochester
- North Thurston

# Recommendations Adopted by Consensus

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- Address the needs of rural schools that cannot otherwise qualify for SCAP
- Adjust square footage per student allocation to reflect what is getting built (130 sq. ft. for elementary)
- Support K-3 class size
- Consider credit for construction of schools used for other community services like early learning and health services
- Increase the construction allowance to reflect the actual construction costs
- Increase the state match floor from 20 percent to 30 percent

# Recommendation Adopted by Majority Vote

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- Pursue simple majority on school district bonds